

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

JAMES J. BIRGE,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 20-cv-84-pp

v.

KILOLO KIJAKAZI,

Defendant.

**ORDER APPROVING STIPULATED MOTION FOR AWARD UNDER THE
EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT (DKT. NO. 16)**

On November 22, 2021, the parties filed a stipulated motion, asking the court to enter an order awarding attorneys' fees and expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act. Dkt. No. 16.

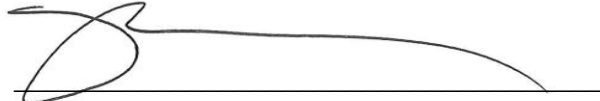
The court **GRANTS** the stipulated motion for award under the EAJA. Dkt. No. 16. The court **ORDERS** that the defendant shall pay to the plaintiff an award of attorneys' fees and expenses in the amount of **\$4,107.24**, in full satisfaction and settlement of any and all claims the plaintiff may have in this case under the EAJA. The court awards these fees and expenses to the plaintiff, not the plaintiff's attorney, and under Astrue v. Ratliff, 560 U.S. 586 (2010), the United States may offset the award to satisfy pre-existing debts that the litigant owes the United States.

If counsel for the parties verify that the plaintiff owes no pre-existing debt subject to offset, the defendant shall direct that the award be made payable to

the plaintiff's attorney, pursuant to the EAJA assignment duly signed by the plaintiff and counsel.

Dated in Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 23rd day of November, 2021.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Pepper', written over a horizontal line.

HON. PAMELA PEPPER
Chief United States District Judge